

**Expedited Procedure Requested
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:	REED et al.)	Examiner:	Diana J. Liao
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Application No.:	10/786,621)	Group Art Unit:	1793
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Filed:	February 25, 2004)	Confirmation No.:	2048
)		
Docket No.	CPM03008 (3600-421-01))		

For: PHASE FORMATION OF OXYGEN REDUCED VALVE METAL OXIDES
AND GRANULATION METHODS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

This Amendment After Final is in response to the final Office Action dated July 23, 2008, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A petition for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before December 23, 2008.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.